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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT		Attorney Docket Confirmation No. 10003513-2 7639
Address to: Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Arlington VA 22313-1450		First Named Inventor Peter Webb Application Number 10/629,024 Filing Date July 28, 2003 Group Art Unit 1639 Examiner Name Mark Shibuya Title Array Fabrication

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the office communication dated January 27, 2006.

In the above referenced office communication, the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement, requiring the election of the claims of either:

- Group I, i.e., Claims 1-16;
- Group II, i.e., Claims 17-28 and 32; or
- Group III, i.e., Claims 29-31 and 33-34.

for further prosecution in this application.

The Applicants hereby elect Group II with traverse.

The claims of Group I were canceled in the Preliminary Amendment filed with the application.

The Applicants respectfully urge the Examiner to rejoin the claims of Group III with the elected claims of Group II for examination in this application for the following reasons.

The MPEP allows an Examiner to examine otherwise patentably distinct sets of claims if to do so would not impose an undue burden on the Examiner. M.P.E.P. § 8.03 states that:

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If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions.

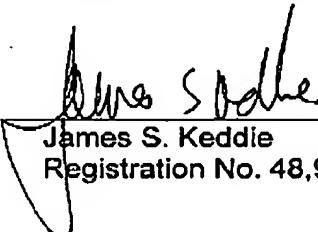
In the present case, the claims of Group II include the elements found in the claims of Group III. As such, the search for the claims of Group II will find any relevant prior art relating to the claims of Group III.

Accordingly, little, if any, additional searching should be required for the claims of Groups II and III. As such, the examination of the claims of Group III together with the claims of elected Group II should impose little, if any, additional burden on the Examiner.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1078.

Respectfully submitted,

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